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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
THROUGH: Assistant Director for Photographic Intelligence
FROM: Chief, Imagery Analysis Division, CIA
SUBJECT: CIA Departmental Capability in Imagery Analysis
REFERENCE: IG Report 1965

1. In view of the referenced report it is my considered opinion that CIA should first decide whether it wishes to have a departmental capability in imagery analysis. If the answer is "no" then all CIA/IAD assets should be turned over to NPIC. If the answer is "yes", then a further decision must be made as to the quality of departmental capability desired.
2. If a first-rate departmental effort is desired by the agency then steps must be taken to formally separate CIA/IAD from NPIC, administratively and support-wise, and perhaps even as to location. This is required to put the only CIA departmental PI shop on a more equal footing with the many DOD departmental PI shops.
3. It is difficult to understand the reasoning behind certain textual statements made and the resultant recommendations, namely recommendations number 10e, 12, and 17. The text frequently talks departmental one moment and national the next apparently without realizing it, e.g., paragraphs 7-8-9-10 on pages 32-33-34.
4. Experience as a Photo Interpretation Officer with the Navy during World War II, as Chief of the U.S. Navy Schools of Photo Interpretation, Radar Interpretation, and Photogrammetry for 8 years prior to joining CIA, direct experience with U.S. Service Schools at Denver, Wichita Falls, Texas, Fort Riley, Kansas, Ft. Holabird, Maryland and over 11 years PI experience with CIA, should lend some credence to my concern over certain portions of the referenced report.

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5. One major concern is that recommendations made in the referenced report will promote the loss of CIA control of NPIC. From early in World War II until 1952 the military had complete monopoly of photo intelligence and made few strides forward after WW II. Only through the enlightened leadership at the DCI and DD/I levels in CIA has photo intelligence progressed to the state of the art known today. It is my belief that CIA can and should continue the lead it has established in the important field of photo intelligence.

6. I would appreciate an opportunity to answer any questions you may have in regard to my concern expressed above.

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